

Memorial Day of Odd Fellows June 11.

The annual memorial services of the Owosso Odd Fellows will be held on the second Sunday in June. On that date they will attend special services at the First M. E. church, and will later march to Oak Hill cemetery to decorate the graves of their deceased brothers.

Removes Boy's Eye.

Perry, May 23.—A specialist from Detroit came Monday and removed the left eye of Arthur Schabale, injured when he accidentally struck two hammers together Friday afternoon. The operation was performed in an Owosso hospital where the lad was hurried as soon as the accident occurred. The operation was to have been performed Saturday morning, but when it was found necessary to remove the optic a specialist was summoned from Detroit.

Given Naval Cadetship.

Gerald W. Fauth a member of the junior class of the high school, and son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Fauth who reside just west of the city limits, received word Thursday morning from Congressman Fordney, of his recommendation for appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Gerald plans to go to Washington D. C., the first week in June, to attend a preparatory school for a few weeks before taking examinations in July for entrance to the academy.

Sugar Beet Seed Being Planted.

Last year at this time ten thousand or more acres of land had been planted with beet seed for the Owosso Sugar Co., while up to the first of this week only about one thousand acres of seed was in the ground. The weather conditions so far this week have been good and by the end of the week probably three quarters of the acreage will be "care" for. With continued warm weather the crop will be as far advanced a month hence as usual.

Firemen's Memorial.

Residents of Owosso who have at any time served as city firemen will pay their tribute to those of their number who have died in past years at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. At that time all of those who have been firemen will gather at the city hall, go to Oak Hill cemetery, and decorate the graves of the dead firemen.

The older members of the organization will ride in automobiles while the younger members will go in the fire department supply wagon behind a team of fire horses.

The decorating of the graves of the former firemen by the visitors in a body is an innovation introduced by Fire Chief Craig, who is president of the organization.

Memorial Sermon.

Orders have been issued by Commander H. C. Everetts and Adjutant W. R. Smith of the G. A. R., in this city, to comrades to attend the Memorial day service at the First M. E. church, Sunday morning and the exercises Memorial Day at the new armory.

The comrades have been asked to assemble in the G. A. R. hall, at 9:30 o'clock, Sunday morning. The march to the church will be made from there. Rev. Hartley Cansfield will deliver the sermon.

The veterans will assemble in their hall at 12:30, Tuesday, Memorial Day, for the annual observance. Memorial badges and white gloves will be worn.

The G. A. R. headquarters for Michigan has sent out appropriate orders for the day.

Corunna Graduates.

The graduating class of the Corunna high school this year consists of the following: President, Omar Williams; vice president, Wilma Strach; secretary, Mildred Mattoon; treasurer, Guy Holloway; Frances Cornell, Irene Duffey, Bernice Neff, Maud Hughes, Leta Brands, Lena Wilcox, Ruby Miller, Gertrude Eiler, Donabel Morris, William Beagin, Joseph Fields, James Cole, Wendell Bush Arthur Martin, Mabel Savage and Ethel Moss.

The class colors are blue and white, the class flower, the American Beauty, and the motto "One Stroke Against the Untried Current."

The commencement exercises will be held on the night of June 20 at the casino. The Junior reception will take place on the following night.

The struggle for the appointment of postmaster of this city was practically ended last week when the name of H. K. White was submitted by E. O. Wood and E. C. Shields, national committee men and chairman of the State Democratic committee respectively. To Postmaster General Burleson for the position. The appointment will undoubtedly be sent to the senate by President Wilson shortly and confirmation will doubtless follow within a few days.

Improvement Association Officers.

The election of officers of the Owosso Improvement Association last Tuesday evening resulted as follows: President, Fred W. Smith; vice presidents, L. B. Allison, S. Q. Pulver, Dr. A. M. Hume, W. E. Hall, W. D. Whitehead; treasurer, G. L. Taylor; directors for three years, E. O. Dewey, R. L. Chase, I. G. Curry.

Knights Templar Ascension Services.

Owosso Commandery No. 49, K. T. attended Ascension Day services at the First M. E. church, Sunday morning and listened to a strong, uplifting sermon by Rev. Hartley Cansfield upon "The Symbolism of the Cross." Special music by the choir and a solo by Harry Johnson added to the impressiveness of the service.

Headed by Eminent Commander Silas M. Campbell and staff, the commandery, with about fifty swords in line, marched from the asylum, under the direct command of Captain General Wade B. Camburn, to the church. Returning to the asylum, a vote of appreciation was extended to Rev. Cansfield and the singers for the inspiring service.

Mr. Cansfield took for his text words found in 1st Corinthians 1:22, 23, 24: "For the Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after Wisdom, But we preach Christ Crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God."

In introducing his subject he spoke as follows: "We are glad to have with us this morning so large a representation of

Class of 1917 O. H. S.

Aside from Miss Lillian Flickinger and Robert Burhans, winners of first and second honors among the Owosso high school graduates, the following have average standings of ninety per cent or more:

Dorothy Kerwin, Mabel Ashton, Nellie Leatherman, Margaret Holmes Leona Goodwill, Lydia LeCureux, Jeanne Bunting, Bernice Haughton, Mabelle Harle, Gladys Burkhardt, Joy Cord, Lucille Kelly, Raymond Stewart, Ruth Axford, Colin McCormick, Roy Rundell and Avah Fuller.

At present the senior class enrolls fifty-eight students who have completed such a part of the work as to make it probable that they will receive the coveted diplomas in June. Final examinations may possibly eliminate a name or two from this list, while on the other hand an extraordinary effort may make it possible for others to pass the required sixteen units and graduate with the class.

Mabel Ashton, Ruth Axford, Bloom Barrows, Fern Bartlett, Jeanne Bunting, Gladys Burkhardt, Vera Carmody, Mildred Conley, Joy Cord, Nina Crowe, Amanda Dansby, Mildred Donigan, Lillian Flickinger, Avah Fuller, Leona Goodwill, Mabelle Harle, Bernice Haughton, Margaret Holmes, Burnese Honecker, Pauline Honecker, Marie Hook, Pauline Johnson, Lucille Kelly, Dorothy Kerwin, Nellie Leatherman, Lydia LeCureux, Josephine Lee, Grace Love, Anna Mason, Frances Nichols, Iola Rundell, Hazel Schmid, Vera Stebbins, Ruth Sullivan, Adelaide Thompson, Catherine Weber, Robert Burhans, Arthur Cansfield, Harold Carson, Wellington Chapman, Wayne Crampton, Edward Poess, Carlos Hanks, Colin McCormick, Cecil McLean, Alha Myers, Donald Rhodes, Luray Rhodes, George Rubelman, Roy Rundell, Raymond Stewart, Harold Taber, Gale Tannehill, Sam Voight, Cecil Waters, George Wiedmann, Kenneth Willoughby, Roscoe Wise.

The board of review will probably complete its labors today.

Prof. T. W. Nadall of Olivet College, shook hands with a number of Owosso friends Saturday afternoon.

C. H. Maliskey & Son of this city, have secured the contract for the erection of a \$35,100 school house in East Lansing.

The post office will be open Memorial Day from 7 to 10 a. m. The city carriers will make one complete delivery, while the rural carriers are given a day off.

Tubbs & Cooper, owners of the Colonial theatre, have purchased the Vandette at St. Johns, which they will operate in connection with their theatres in this city and Ovid.

Arthur Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gillespie former residents of Durand, has been appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., by Congressman Smith of the third district, having successfully passed both the mental and physical examination. He is a brother of Lieut. Geo. S. Gillespie, U. S. Navy, who was appointed by Cong. Fordney when the family resided at Durand. Lieut. Gillespie has already made a fine record in the navy.

Honored Students.

The announcement of the winners of honors among the members of the Owosso high school graduating class and the awarding of letters to the school's athletes featured, the chapel exercises at the high school Monday morning.

Miss Lillian Flickinger was announced to be the valedictorian, while Robert Burhans is salutatorian. Members of the high school faculty have been at work for several days past to figure the standings of the students during the four-year course and thereby determine who had won the class honors.

Elmer Marvin was found to be the only student of the school who was privileged to wear the letter "O" for his work in the three branches of high school athletics. He won his letter in football, baseball and basketball. The following were awarded letters:

Football—Wellington Chapman, captain; Wesley Youngs, Roscoe Wise, Gerald Fauth, James Cummin, George Weideman, Elmer Marvin, Donald Britton, William Martin, Ralph Corey, Gail Craig and Joseph Robbins.

Basket ball—Colon McCormick, captain; Arthur Cansfield, Robert Marshall, Ralph Tate, Elmer Marvin, Raymond Stuart; Mildred Donigan, captain; Maxine Stevens, Neva Donigan, Vivian Hopson, Dorothy Harrison, Vera Stebbins, Helen Cudney and Helen Cansfield.

Base ball—Arthur Cansfield, captain; Carl Giffel, Joseph Robbins, Elmer Marvin, Elwyn Harryman, George Rubelman, Loren Ross, Raymond Kaultz and Cecil Waters.

PROGRAM FOR CORUNNA ALUMNI BANQUET.

Isaac Derr Toastmaster for Event to be Held at Casino on June 22.

The following program has been arranged for the Corunna high school alumni banquet to be held in the casino June 22:

Toastmaster—Isaac Derr. President's Address—Arch W. Burnett, '02.

"Life"—Adella Jackson, '79.

"Music—Irene Duffey, '16, and Josephine Wilson, '15.

"But a Day and the World Has Changed"—Walter Almedinger.

"The Class of 1916"—Omer Williams, '16.

Solo—Mrs. Earl Kay. "Memories"—Mary Ede. "The Days That Wear"—J. H. Collins, '01.

"These Good Things Being Given, He Goes On and Gives One More"—Howard Slocum, '05.

Music—Mrs. F. F. Hoyer and Miss Ruth Mitchell.

Election of officers.

Want Assessment Ordered.

A motion was filed in the circuit court and argued Monday, to reinstate the case of Gaffney vs. the defunct Owosso Motor company, which was dismissed recently under the jurisdiction act because no progress had been made in it more than a year. The suit is brought to compel an assessment of \$30,000 against the stockholders in the bankrupt company.

The company's liabilities at the time it failed were \$30,000 while its assets were \$108,000. Its assets were not available, however, for the reason that they consisted almost entirely of the patent, designs and other things that could not be converted into money. Gaffney was the referee in bankruptcy.

The motor company was organized a number of years ago among Owosso men, to manufacture a small commercial truck. Only one or two trucks were made, and the company went into bankruptcy before long.

They claim that they have been unable to get personal service on some of the many defendants. They recently secured an order for publication however, and will get service in this manner.

A. W. Rickman leaves for Lansing today, having closed up his work on several building jobs about the city, including the armory. The Rickman firm recently secured a school house contract in Lansing and Mr. Rickman expects to be busy on it for some time.

E. O. Dewey accepted the invitation of the American Day committee to be its guest at a luncheon tendered Col. Theodore Roosevelt at the Detroit Athletic Club on Friday last. Col. Roosevelt as usual drew a great crowd while in Detroit and hit straight from the shoulder in his address on preparedness.

The Baptist Brotherhood held an informal reception in the Sunday School room of the church Monday evening at the close of the lecture, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson, who were recently married. They were presented with some cut glass.

OWOSSO—THE BEST CITY IN MICHIGAN

Its Growth, Progress and Future Toasted at Improvement Association Banquet

Citizen and a Friend Honored—Insurance Question Plainly Presented by Hon. Milo D. Campbell.

The praises of Owosso as a city of loyalty, determination, thrift and co-operation were sung in glowing terms and her future was painted brightly in the speeches at the fourth annual booster banquet of the Improvement association held at the new armory Tuesday night. A crowd of more than 350 men, representing nearly every following, attended and by their tremendous and enthusiastic applause as the speakers drove home their arguments for a continuation of and increase in united efforts toward a better Owosso, renewed their faith in the city.

The affair was a brilliant success in every way. A spirit of optimism pervaded the atmosphere and "boost" was the keynote of the evening. It surpassed all previous banquets given by the association and in all augurs well for the welfare of Owosso.

Reception Pleading Feature.

One of the most pleasing features of the most pleasant evening, was the cordial reception tendered W. K. Prudden, of Lansing, who a few years back, was a friend in need, to Owosso, and to A. M. Bentley, local manufacturer and philanthropist, who has just returned from an extended stay in the west. The evident sincerity of the hospitality extended to Mr. Prudden and of the welcome given Mr. Bentley was convincing proof of the esteem and respect that Owosso people hold for them.

The reception was held from 6 to 6:30 o'clock in the parlors on the second floor. Practically all of those who attended the banquet took advantage of the opportunity to greet the honored guests. Those in the receiving line with Mr. Bentley and Mr. Prudden were Milo D. Campbell, Mayor De Young, E. O. Dewey and H. B. Sturtevant, president of the Improvement association and C. E. Rigley Sr.

Banquet Hall Attractive.

Immediately after the reception, the doors to the banquet hall were thrown open, revealing long rows of tables, immaculately white and sparkling with silver and glassware. The speakers were seated at a long table extending across the front of the auditorium, the rest of the diners remaining standing while they took their places. At the speakers table were Toastmaster W. D. Whitehead, President Sturtevant, Mr. Prudden, Mr. Bentley, Mayor De Young, Milo D. Campbell, of Coldwater, the principal speaker of the evening, Secretary Seegmiller, W. R. Goodrich, Rep. John V. Martin, W. A. Rosenkrans, J. C. Shattuck, A. B. Cook, W. V. Robinson, W. A. Upham, Supt. M. W. Longman, W. E. Hall, O. L. Davis, A. L. Nichols, G. M. Dewey R. L. Chase, G. J. Cole, Judge S. S. Mher, Rev. B. G. Mattson, Rev. J. F. Green, Commissioners Hanscom and Rosevear, M. D. Corey, L. A. Sanderhoff, Claud Craig, William Atkinson, Lee Bensinger, W. K. Blagden, of Lancaster, N. Y., vice president of the American Malleables Co., and Radcliffe Romeyn.

While the guests were filling in and during the supper hour Rhode's brothers' three-piece orchestra rendered catchy music.

Rev. J. Frank Green, pastor of the Church of Christ, pronounced the invocation.

The supper, catered by Chef R. J. Beehler, was served by the members of Company H under the direction of Capt. J. O. Parker. It was an appetizing spread and was well served.

Pres. Sturtevant's Remarks.

The repeat over, President Sturtevant called the assemblage to order briefly pointed out the fact that co-operation and unity had enabled the Improvement association to accomplish much in the past and asserted that it was going to do more in the future. He declared that the people were not unmindful of the fact that only unity of purpose made the magnificent new armory possible, and expressed appreciation of what the county and city had done towards getting the building. He also thanked Mr. Bentley for his most generous gift that made the luxurious swimming pool a reality, instead of a desire.

"I believe," said Mr. Sturtevant, "that the people of Owosso are closer together today in their business relations than ever before. Every one is for Owosso. When a committee recently went out and in a few hours raised \$3,000 to defray the expense of furnishing the new armory, ample proof of this was given. It was a remarkable demonstration of unity."

Mr. Sturtevant then introduced W. D. Whitehead, toastmaster of the evening. Mr. Whitehead expressed pleasure over the fact that the gathering was such a representative one, declaring that it argued well for the efforts of the Improvement association,

and asserted that if all would help, the association would grow to unparalleled size and usefulness. He said that the association is not intended for the business men alone, but urged everyone with the welfare of Owosso at heart to become an active member, to work for a bigger and better Owosso, in every way.

Maennerchor Sings.

Mr. Whitehead then called upon the Owosso Maennerchor for a selection. The German singers responded in a manner that elicited hearty and prolonged applause. They were in excellent voice, and the harmony was splendid. They were forced to respond to an encore. They interspersed the program with selections and their singing was one of the big



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hits of the evening. They sang under the direction of Chris Rentschler.

Sec. Seegmiller Speaks.

The toastmaster introduced W. A. Seegmiller, secretary of the association as "our live wire secretary, whose only fault is that he is a Democrat." The speaker lived up to his reputation of hitting on all twelve cylinders without a miss. Mr. Seegmiller's speech was a report of the activities of the association since January 1, 1915, and a visualization of what the future holds for Owosso. He stated that on that date, there was \$3362.77 on hand and that today there is balance of \$38.08. He gave a rapid fire account of the various ways in which the money was expended, and enumerated what the association had done since then. Dropping into the retrospective, he went back four years and read a list prepared then by him, of the improvements desired in Owosso. They were the Ann Arbor car shops, wholesale bakery, appropriation for McCurdy park maintenance, parks for city, poles removed from streets, boulevard lights installed, new library, new hospital, street paving, good roads in county, new armory, new hotel, commission form of government, dams in river and banks beautified new opera house, summer chautauqua, winter lecture course, free choral union concerts, band supported by city, county fair, new bridge over river north of city, interurban line to Flint, and cement curbs on all streets.

"Of these desired improvements we now have fourteen and the rest are coming," declared the secretary in his characteristically optimistic manner.

Taking up the industrial progress of the city, the speaker declared that the loss of the Reliance Truck Co. employing 120 men had been far more than offset by the acquisition of the American Malleables Co., employing 340 men. Extended applause followed when Mr. Seegmiller acknowledged the most important part that A. M. Bentley played in obtaining the new industry for the city.

Mr. Seegmiller declared that the Improvement association assumed obligations of \$3,000 in connection with the new Ann Arbor shops that the city is to get, and obligations of \$3200 in the purchase of land for the Malleables plant. The latter is paid off, he announced. It assumed and has partially paid something like \$1000 toward the new armory, and only recently assumed and will soon pay nearly \$3,000 for the furnishings of that building. Besides its members have contributed nearly \$3,000 toward the proposed new Y. W. C. A. building.

He stated that the Owosso Improvement association was one of a very few similar organizations in the United States that meets every week.

Speaking of the Ann Arbor shops project, he asserted that the shops would be built, that the people of Owosso could rest assured of that.

He declared that whereas 90 per cent of Owosso's bread supply was being shipped into Owosso three years ago, not a loaf comes in now.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure
No Alum—No Phosphate

He emphasized the need of parks, advocating strongly the purchase of the Emerson woods, and the grove and West Oliver street, on the river bank. Applause greeted his recital of his plan for a boulevard and pavement that would connect the parks he proposed to establish. He urged the necessity of a new hotel here, and recited an instance of poor hotel facilities. He uttered a prediction that a new hotel would be under construction before the end of 1916.

He advocated free hand and choral union concerts, and declared that the electric line to Flint looked like a certainty at present.

Touching on the subject of the vacant plant of the Owosso Carriage and Sleigh Co., the speaker declared that since it was vacated, 50 propositions for its occupancy had been considered by the association, and that four were now under consideration.

The speaker took a few well aimed wallops at the man who knocks his town, and urged constructive criticism. His classification of critics with those afflicted with the hoof and mouth disease, the blind stagers, hog cholera and hook worm disease, was unique and highly illustrative. He declared that the meanest man in the world is the man who will not "get in and help, but will stand off and criticize those who are working for the betterment of the city." He related numerous instances of the good the association has done for business men in the way of saving them money.

Mayor DeYoung's Address.

Mayor James De Young was the next speaker. He enumerated the duties of each of the three commissioners and gave a resume of what had been accomplished by the commission since it took office on April 13, 1914. He stated that the commission in those two years, had expended approximately \$47,000 for improvements consisting of new pavements down town, at a cost of \$10,600, a new water supply costing \$8500. Extension of water mains at an expense of \$12,237, a new coal shed built at the water works plant, costing \$2150, improvements made around the library costing \$1200, and \$4500 paid toward the new armory. In addition the city has built three miles of sidewalks costing \$3000, and bought tools valued at \$2000. The amounts represent what the city at large paid on the improvements.

The mayor stated that provisions had been made in the budget, recently adopted, for funds that would cut the city's bonded indebtedness by \$18,000, or to \$227,749. He expressed satisfaction over the fact that South Washington street is to be paved this year and expressed his hope that the same improvement may be made on Corunna avenue next year.

He stated that commission is limited in its resources by the statute enacted in 1909, which makes it compulsory to pay bonds issued after that date when they are due, or to refund bonds in serial form. Issued before the law became effective. The city has a number of bonds, he declared, that under this law, must be taken care of when they fall due. He said that before 1920 there will be old bonds totalling \$85,000 due, and that before 1924, bonds totalling \$105,000 will mature. All of these, he said, must be refunded as serial bonds, or paid when due.

To offset this legacy of indebtedness, left it by the old council, the mayor said however, that the commission inherited public property worth \$368,559, exclusive of the schools, and had also been left by the council permanent improvements in the form of pavements sewers and water mains valued at \$354,000, in addition to sidewalks worth about \$100,000.

Referring to the fate of the fire department and park bonding questions, at the hands of the people, the executive said that he felt no particular regret over the defeat of the plan to motorize the fire department, but was sorry that the park project met with disaster. He expressed the fear that unless the city acquires the Dimmick property now, it will never get another opportunity to secure it.

"I believe," said Mayor De Young, "that it was lost through misunderstanding and a lack of harmony. There are certain classes in the city who feel antagonistic to anything the Improvement association advocates. This feeling is deplorable but it exists nevertheless, and must be faced squarely. It is this class that we want to reach and mingle with, to bring about a better understanding."

"I believe that it would be a good plan to utilize this building for the purpose of holding smokers, and get-together meetings, where everyone would be welcome, and where matters of public interest and importance could be talked over. I believe it would create a better feeling. The commission I venture to say,

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